

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Walker-Wagner House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kent Island Estates vicinity, 101 Somerset Road

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9/14/97

CITY, TOWN

Romancoke

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Wagner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21666**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 111

Folio #: 612

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

QA-274

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Walker-Wagner House is located on the east side of Maryland Route 8 and on the west side of Kent Island Estates, approximately seven miles south of Stevensville.

Of brick construction, the Walker-Wagner House is 2 1/2 stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep with a single flush brick chimney centered on the south end of the pitched gable roof. The present story-and-a-half wing on the south gable replaces an early three bay frame wing that was demolished earlier in this century.

The front facade of the main house faces east toward Eastern Bay. The door is located in the north bay, with two 6/9 windows to the south, three 6/6 windows ranged across the second story and two 6/6 pitched roof dormer windows on the third story. The brickwork is laid in five- and six-course common bond with a two-course corbeled cornice. The first and second floor openings have splayed jack arch lintels. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

On the north gable wall, there is a 9/6 window in the west bay of the first story and a pair of 2/2 windows in the upper gable. The first floor

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

window was evidently enlarged at one time to serve as a door and then was later changed back to a window. The brickwork on this facade is laid in random common bond; the rakeboards are modern replacements.

The west facade now serves as the rear facade, but in the 19th century may have been considered the front facade, as it faces the original driveway leading in from Route 8. The placement of the interior stair reinforces this possibility. The door is located in the north bay, with two 6/9 windows to the south, three 6/6 windows on the second floor and two 6/6 pitched roof dormers on the third story. The brickwork is random bond with a corbeled cornice and splayed jack arch lintels.

The majority of the south gable wall is covered by the modern addition. A pair of 2/2 windows in the upper gable are the only openings in this wall. The brickwork is laid in six-course bond; the chimney has a double bishop's cap.

The interior originally consisted of a side passage, single parlor plan, but the interior partition has been removed to form one large room. The stair rises against the north gable wall to a landing at the east end of the original passage. The stair and all interior trim date to circa 1961, when the house was renovated.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

On the second floor, the west end of the stair passage is partitioned to form a large unheated chamber that now serves as a modern bath. Rabbeted Greek Revival architrave trim survives on the door to the south chamber and on the closet doors flanking the gable chimney in the south chamber. An early mantel with ogee/astragal trim survives in place on this fireplace, and a small opening in the back wall of the southwest closet is trimmed with paneled architrave trim with flattened Greek ogee panel molds. This small door evidently provided an access point to the attic of the early wing.

An enclosed winder stair in the second floor passage leads up to the third story, which has recently been finished for sleeping chambers.

The present owners have a number of photographs of the house taken before the early wing was demolished. This wing was of frame construction, 1 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep, with an exterior brick chimney centered on the south end of the pitched gable roof. On the east facade, a door in the center bay was flanked by single 6/6 windows on each side. This facade was covered with plain horizontal siding and a plain box cornice. The height of the facade walls suggests that the wing was a true story-and-a-half structure.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

From these early photographs it is also clear that the first floor windows on the main house were originally 9/6 rather than 6/9.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walker-Wagner House is a 2 1/2 story brick dwelling with a side passage, single parlor plan. Constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century, the house was renovated circa 1961. An early frame wing on the south gable has been replaced with a modern addition. Significant early details include a Greek Revival mantel and original architrave trim on the second floor.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/16/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-26, Recorded June 26, 1981.

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Walker-Wagner House

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Walker-Wagner House

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East facade



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Walker-Wagner House
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Orlando Ridout V 1981
Rear facade from west